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In re Patent Application of ) BOX AF  
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Application No.: 09/714,514 ) Examiner: Phi Dieu Tran A  
Filed: November 17, 2000 ) Confirmation No.: 5020  
For: LOCKING SYSTEM AND )  
FLOORING BOARD )

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AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In complete response to the Official Action dated July 16, 2002, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

*Please replace claim 1 with the corresponding amended claim.*

1. (Twice Amended) A locking system for mechanical joining of floorboards,  
said locking system comprising a tongue-and-groove joint, the groove and tongue of which  
have cooperating upper abutment surfaces and cooperating lower abutment surfaces for  
vertical locking of two joint edges of two adjacent floorboards, said upper abutment  
surfaces extending in a first plane essentially parallel to a principal plane of the floorboards  
and said lower abutment surfaces extending in a second plane essentially parallel to the  
principal plane of the floorboards, and said locking system comprising, for horizontal

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